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## **Media Advisory**

## Fewer lives lost on California roads in 2006

Traffic-related deaths decreased in California in 2006 from the previous year, according to preliminary California Highway Patrol (CHP) statistics. Highway collision fatalities dropped 9.22 percent to 3,907 people when compared to 2005. Officials indicated the projected reductions in collisions and victims killed are primarily the result of increased enforcement and education in the three main causes of fatal crashes – seat belt usage, DUIs and speeding.

WHO: CHP Commissioner Mike Brown

Office of Traffic Safety Director Christopher J. Murphy

Vacaville Police Chief Richard Word, California Police Chiefs Association

WHERE: CHP Academy, 3500 Reed Avenue, West Sacramento

WHEN: Tuesday, March 13, 11 a.m.

VISUALS: A demonstration of high-tech accident investigation equipment by the CHP's

Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Teams.

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